

1992 - 1993 WICHITA CITY BUDGET IN BRIEF . . .

- The proposed 1992 Budget was approved with no increase in the City's property tax mill levy, based on the then current assessed valuation estimate. With the final (lower) assessed valuation, the City's levy increased by .2 mills to 29.6 mills for 1992.
- The total proposed 1992 Budget (all funds) is \$211,013,216, compared to the 1991 Budget of \$204,974,817 -- an overall 2.9% increase. The 1993 estimated budget is \$212,089,630.
- General Fund expenditures total \$107,674,346 in 1992, compared to \$105,529,110 in the 1991 current budget -- an overall 2% increase. The 1993 estimated budget is \$105,930,720, plus \$2,211,170 for employee wage/benefit increases or new/expanded programs/services.
- For every dollar in property taxes paid, approximately 20¢ will be received by the City to pay for municipal services.
- A total of 19 Police Officer positions are budgeted for 1992 -- 7 positions to continue implementation of the Police study recommendations for increased field personnel and 12 to provide local funding of presently grant-funded positions. This is in addition to the locally funded 13 Police Officer positions added in 1991 and the 14 positions funded from a Federal/State drug enforcement grant. Funding is also included for operational expenses of a new west-side Police station.
- In addition to the planned construction of a new Fire Station #17 (and the addition of 17 firefighter positions), existing Fire Station #16 will be relocated. Pending completion of the new station, 11 of the 17 Fire positions will be filled in 1991.
- A special new Fire hazardous materials inspection program is budgeted.
- The City's quality of life services are enhanced through expanded park recreation programs, increased Art Museum security, and funding for branch library relocation and a new library computer system allowing access by library patrons.
- A Natural Resource Conservation office was established in 1991 with increased funding in 1992, supporting energy, solid waste, recycling, and water conservation efforts.
- Water rate increases, of 6% in 1992 and 6% in 1993, are included for water plant expansion, and to build a reserve for costs associated with developing a new water supply.
- Sewer rate increases of 16% in 1992 and 10% in 1993 are budgeted to fund treatment plant odor control (6% beginning in 1992) and other capital projects to meet environmental standards and facility expansion needs, as well as increased maintenance costs.
- The local sales tax is budgeted at \$27,612,260, of which \$13,806,130 will be used to reduce property taxes by the equivalent of 10 mills.